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Cash Receipts from Dairy Marketings, 1981

Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream during 1981 reached a new record high of \$18.1 billion for U.S. dairy farmers. The total was 9 percent above 1980's record. Larger marketings coupled with a 73-cent gain in the producer price accounted for the \$1.49 billion increase from the previous year. Producer returns averaged \$13.87 per hundred pounds of milk sold. Marketings totaled 130 billion pounds, milk equivalent, compared with 126 billion pounds during 1980. Marketings include whole milk and producer-separated cream sold to plants and dealers, as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

Marketings and Income of Milk Production 10 Major Dairy States, 1981

State	Combined marketings of milk and cream			
	Milk utilized	Ave. returns 1/		Cash receipts from marketings
		Per cwt. milk	Per lb. milkfat	
	Mil. lbs.	Dollars		1,000 dol.
California . . .	14,186	13.72	3.82	1,945,623
Iowa	4,205	13.30	3.63	559,265
Michigan	5,015	13.84	3.80	693,961
Minnesota . . .	9,990	13.08	3.60	1,306,692
New York	10,851	13.87	3.84	1,505,097
Ohio	4,324	13.84	3.76	598,557
Pennsylvania . .	8,850	14.49	3.95	1,282,574
Texas	3,618	14.95	4.24	540,900
Washington . . .	2,996	13.81	3.78	413,822
Wisconsin	22,178	13.38	3.61	2,968,096
United States	130,312	13.87	3.81	18,077,097

MILK PRICES ARE DOWN IN MAY

Wisconsin dairy farmers were expected to receive an average of \$13.10 per hundredweight for milk sold in May. The price would be 11 cents less than the April price of \$13.21 and 26 cents less than the May 1981 average price of \$13.36.

The April price of \$13.21 was down 5 cents from the March price of \$13.26 and down 25 cents from the April 1981 price of \$13.46.

Grade A market milk returned an average of \$13.31 a hundredweight in April, down 5 cents from the previous month and down 29 cents from the previous year. Grade B manufacturing milk averaged \$12.97 during April, down 5 cents from the previous month and down 14 cents from a year earlier.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	March 1982		April price per cwt.			May 1982 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1981	1982	82/81 change	
Milk for all uses	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Wisconsin	3.76	13.26	13.46	13.21	- 2	13.10
Minnesota	3.68	13.01	13.08	12.93	- 1	12.80
New York	3.67	13.50	13.40	13.20	- 1	13.00
California	3.72	13.40	13.51	12.98	- 4	12.70
United States . . .	3.70	13.60	13.70	13.40	- 2	13.30
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.75	13.36	13.60	13.31	- 2	XXX
Manufacturing milk	3.78	13.02	13.11	12.97	- 1	XXX
Creameries	3.75	13.10	13.19	13.06	- 1	XXX
Cheese factories	3.78	13.03	13.12	12.99	- 1	XXX
Varied prod. plants	3.71	12.87	13.01	12.80	- 2	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	April 1981	March 1982	April 1982 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Market milk	13.28	12.93	12.92	- 3
Manufacturing milk	12.74	12.56	12.55	- 1
Creameries	12.89	12.69	12.69	- 2
American cheese plants	12.74	12.56	12.55	- 1
Varied products plants	12.66	12.43	12.41	- 2
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone . . .	13.14	12.96	12.93	- 2

1/Computed using milkfat differential. 2/Preliminary.

WISCONSIN DAIRY PRODUCTS ESTIMATES

Product	April 1981	March 1982	April 1982	Change from	
				last month	last year
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	27,866	29,800	28,500	- 4	+ 2
American cheese	96,394	95,000	97,000	+ 2	+ 1
Brick	698	800	850	+ 6	+ 22
Muenster	4,890	5,200	5,100	- 2	+ 4
Mozzarella	16,507	18,000	18,500	+ 3	+ 12
Other Italian	8,385	8,100	8,500	+ 5	+ 1
All cheese	136,379	137,007	139,320	+ 2	+ 2
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice cream	1,721	1,650	1,700	+ 3	- 1

CHEESE PRODUCTION IS UP IN APRIL

Cheese production continued to increase in Wisconsin during April. Total cheese output in the state during the month was 139.3 million pounds, a gain of 2 percent from the previous year.

Wisconsin butter production totaled 28.5 million pounds during the month, 2 percent more than year-ago totals. Ice cream production, at 1.7 million gallons, was off 1 percent from last year.

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SPOTLIGHT — BROWN COUNTY

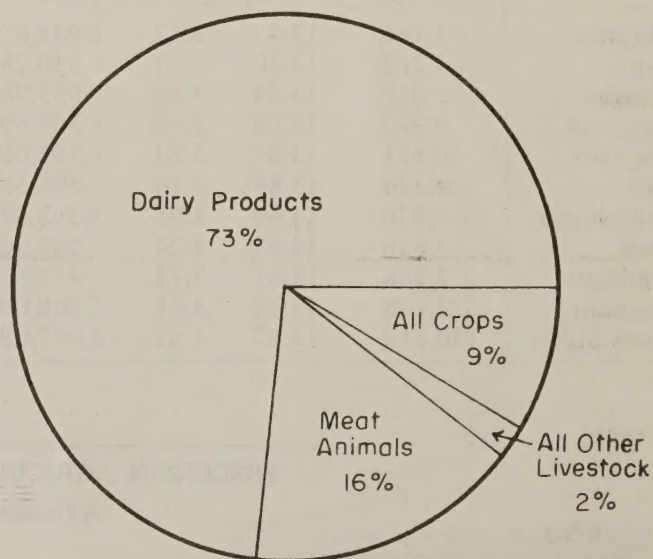
Brown County, home of the Green Bay Packers, is an important agricultural county in northeastern Wisconsin. Brown County ranked 24th in agricultural cash receipts in Wisconsin during 1980. Total 1980 farm cash receipts for the county were \$85 million, a gain of 8 percent from 1979. Brown derived 91 percent of farm cash receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products. Dairy products accounted for \$62.3 million, or 73 percent, of 1980 cash receipts. Brown County ranked 13th in Wisconsin in cash receipts from dairy-ing during 1980. With a county milk cow herd total of 39,000 head, Brown ranked 16th in the state in milk cow numbers. With the average cow in Brown County producing 12,900 pounds of milk, Brown's 1980 milk production totaled over 503 million pounds. In 1980 there were 870 dairy herds in the county, 45 percent Grade A herds and the remaining 55 percent Grade B herds.

Brown County cheese plants were responsible for producing over 40 million pounds of cheese during 1980. Brown's leading cheese variety is American, as 1980 production totaled over 29 million pounds.

Marketings of meat animals contributed 16 percent of Brown's farm receipts during the year. Cattle and calves con-

BROWN COUNTY

Agricultural Cash Receipts, 1980



Percent of all commodities

tributed 14 percent of the total while hogs and pigs added 2 percent. Poultry and eggs and miscellaneous livestock added \$1.1 million to Brown's farm income in 1980.

All crops contributed 9 percent, or \$7.6 million to total farm sales during the year. Field crops contributed \$4.3 million to Brown's farm income during the year with corn being the county's most significant crop. Vegetables added \$1.6 million to Brown's farm receipts. Snap beans were the county's most important vegetable crop during the year. Specialty crops added \$1.7 million to Brown's 1980 agricultural receipts. Greenhouse and nursery products are the county's most significant specialty crop, adding \$1.3 million to the county's farm income in 1980.

Cash receipts from farm marketings have more than doubled in the county since 1973. With its strong dairy base, Brown County is a leading agricultural county in northeastern Wisconsin.

World Food Prices: Getting Higher, But at a Slower Pace

Whether you pay your grocery bill in dollars, francs, marks, or yen, it seems as if food prices are getting higher and higher. Or are they? That question must be answered with a qualified "Yes, but . . ."

For the most part, food prices are higher than they were back in 1976, mostly because farmers are paying more to produce food (particularly for fuel) and middleman costs are higher.

But if you're distressed by high food prices, take comfort. The rate of increase is slowing. And if you live in one of the major industrialized countries, a smaller portion of your paycheck is going toward food than it did in 1976. — *Foreign Agriculture*

Comparative World Food Prices

Country	1976*	1978	1980	1981
Belgium	100	107.5	109.6	116.2
Canada	100	—	—	171.8
Denmark	100	122.4	88.9	97.2
France	100	121.7	142.9	157.4†
Greece	100	130.2	200.6	246.7
Ireland	100	128.0	160.8	179.3
Italy	100	105.6	111.4	128.7
Japan	100	110.4	117.7	125.4
Korea	100	130.1	181.6	233.4
Luxembourg	100	108.6	134.0	—
Netherlands	100	76.2	80.9	84.5
Poland	100	116.0	—	—
Spain	100	147.3	173.6	194.4
Switzerland	100	105.3	117.3	126.7
United Kingdom	100	127.4	161.3	170.6
United States	100	114.0	136.2	146.8
West Germany	100	106.3	113.5	117.4

*1976 = 100 base year. †9-month average.

JUNE 1 CROP REPORT

WINTER WHEAT

Based on conditions as of June 1, 1982, the U.S. winter wheat crop is forecast at a record high 2.13 billion bushels, 2 percent above the previous record high production of 2.10 billion bushels set last year and 3 percent above last month's forecast. The yield per acre is expected to be 36.8 bushels, up 1 bushel from 1981's final estimate of 35.8 bushels per acre. Kansas is the leading winter wheat state, with an estimated production of 488.4 million bushels, or 23 percent of the U.S. total. The number two winter wheat state is Oklahoma. Oklahoma growers are expected to harvest 221.1 million bushels in 1982. Rounding out the top five winter wheat states are Texas, Washington, and Nebraska.

Wisconsin's 1982 winter wheat crop is forecast at 4.4 million bushels, down 5 percent from 1981 but up 21 percent from 1980. State yields are expected to average 47 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from 1981. Wisconsin wheat growers are expected to harvest 94,000 acres of winter wheat in 1982, up 1,000 acres from last year and the highest total since 1922 when 105,000 acres were harvested.

SPRING POTATOES

U.S. spring potato production in 1982 is forecast at 20.2 million hundredweight, 3 percent less than 1981's production but up 19 percent from 1980's record low output. California is the leading producer of spring potatoes. California's expected 1982 output is 9.4 million hundredweight, 8 percent less than their 1981 output of 10.3 million hundredweight. The second leading spring potato state is Florida. Florida's 1982 output is expected to total 5.4 million hundredweight.

KOREAN PURCHASES SWELL ALMOST ONE-THIRD

Exports of U.S. agricultural products to South Korea have continued their strong growth of recent years. They jumped to \$2.14 billion in fiscal year 1981, rising 32 percent above the 1980 level. This gave Korea the second highest growth rate among the billion-dollar customers for U.S. farm products. Last year, Korea was the fourth largest U.S. farm market.

Very large imports of U.S. rice necessitated by a poor Korean rice harvest in 1980 and higher export prices, were the major factors behind the strong U.S. showing in 1981. In the past, U.S. export gains usually reflected strong demand rising from a buoyant Korean economy. — *Foreign Agriculture*

U.S. FARM EXPORTS TO KOREA: TOP TEN AND TOTAL

Commodity	1980	1981
Million Dollars 1/		
Rice	220	506
Cotton	474	481
Wheat	287	367
Corn	271	356
Soybeans	121	145
Hides & skins	93	122
Tallow & greases	55	42
Tobacco	45	36
Bird feathers & down	15	25
Grain sorghum	0	9
All exports	1,618	2,136

1/Unadjusted for transshipments.

U.S. Agricultural Exports to 18 Leading Markets: Value by Country, Calendar Years 1980 and 1981

Destination 1/	1980		1981		Change
	Million dollars	Rank	Million dollars	Rank	Percent
Japan	6,133	1	6,608	1	+ 8
Netherlands 2/.....	3,477	2	3,390	2	- 3
Mexico	2,468	3	2,432	3	- 1
Canada	1,910	5	2,059	4	+ 8
Korea, Republic of	1,797	7	2,008	5	+ 12
China, Mainland	2,273	4	1,985	6	- 13
Germany, Federal Republic of	1,863	6	1,777	7	- 5
USSR	1,130	10	1,687	8	+ 49
Spain	1,436	8	1,573	9	+ 10
Italy	1,212	9	1,257	10	+ 4
Taiwan	1,095	11	1,145	11	+ 5
Egypt	774	13	1,003	12	+ 30
United Kingdom	996	12	990	13	- 1
Venezuela	703	15	895	14	+ 27
Belgium - Luxembourg 2/.....	687	16	856	15	+ 25
Portugal	615	18	764	16	+ 24
Brazil	682	17	715	17	+ 5
France	765	14	628	18	- 18

1/Adjusted for transshipments through Canada. 2/Not adjusted for transshipments through the Netherlands and Belgium.

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